

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The three-side trimmer ~~according to the present invention~~ comprises an alignment station (F) for receiving booklet bundle (32) and aligning the booklets ~~in the height direction~~, and a cutting station (D) for cutting the top edge, bottom edge and fore edges of the ~~booklet bundle~~. ~~The three side trimmer further comprises~~ , and a chuck mechanism (40) which holds the ~~booklet bundle and conveys it from the alignment station to the~~ cutting station. ~~In the~~ The cutting station ~~has, there is~~ provided a cutting table (23) ~~for supporting a booklet bundle thereon~~, a top edge cutting knife (43), a bottom edge cutting knife (44), a fore edge cutting knife 42, and a pressing plate 48 movable between a waiting position, ~~which is disposed over the booklet bundle~~, and a working position ~~where the pressing plate presses the booklet bundle to the cutting table~~. An encoder reads the data about the rotational position of the servomotor (38) in the chuck mechanism while ~~the chuck mechanism~~ ~~(40)~~ it holds the booklet bundle. The control portion (25) measures the height of the ~~booklet bundle, on the basis of this data~~. ~~The control portion and~~ controls a driving mechanism of the pressing plate, ~~on the basis of this measured value~~. such that the ~~The control portion controls so that the waiting position of the pressing plate is adjusted to a height corresponding to the height of the booklet bundle, and the pressing plate moves up and down between the adjusted waiting position and the working positions.~~

6. In point 4 of the Office Action the Examiner objects to claim 15. Claim 15 is cancelled. Therefore, applicant respectfully requests that the objection to claim 15 be withdrawn.

7. On the following pages is a complete Listing of the Claims that includes the Amendments to the Claims. Words underlined are being added and words with a strikeout line through them are being deleted. The Listing of the Claims on the following pages replaces all prior versions of the claims.